Docket No. 0213-1431-0

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Satoru NISHIN

SERIAL NO: 09/534,995

FILED:

March 27, 2000

FOR:

CHOLINE MONOOXYGENASE GENE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- × No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Ø Additional documents filed herewith:

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 9, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 18.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A gene comprising the following DNA (c) or (d):

(c) a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3 or 5;

(d) a DNA which hybridizes to a DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, 3 or 5 under stringent conditions, which has 90% homology with the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1, 3 or 5, and which encodes a protein having

choline monooxygenase activity.

9. (Amended) A gene comprising the following DNA (g) or (h):

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